

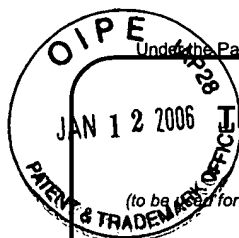
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LETTER

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Dear Sir:

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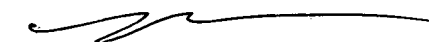
The following documents recently came to the undersigned's attention:

WO 03/020299, which appears to be a CIP of and claim priority from US Serial No. 09/945,517 (published as US 2003/0104996 A1, now abandoned). Neither of these documents are prior art references against the instant application and it is thus submitted that they can not affect the patentability of the instantly allowed claims. A copy of both documents is herein enclosed.

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Applicant also brings to the attention of the public a recently filed Opposition by Sandoz in Europe against European Patent EP 1 311 285 which corresponds to the instant application. A copy of the Sandoz Opposition is also herein enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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